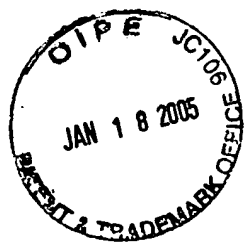


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For : PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AMINO ACIDS BY USING
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004 is due by January 28, 2005. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.